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Health Fee May Go Up, Services Could Be Cut

Budget cuts force another increase on students

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Students may pay more and receive fewer services at the Student Health Center during the 1995-96 school year as it loses \$381,348 in state funding.

The funds, which were origi-

nally taken from the Financial Aid and Student Support Services budget, will now be returned to Financial Aid. Student Support Services aids handicapped students.

The SHC will not receive any support from the state, and must generate its own income.

The senate passed an interim measure to balance the SHC budget which includes a \$5 increase in the student health fee per semester beginning Fall '95, and initiation of a \$20 health fee for the Summer term in 1996. Lab and pharmacy charges, previous-

ly offered at wholesale cost to students, will be increased to pay the salaries of the pharmacy and lab staff. There would be a \$5 co-payment per visit.

Final approval of the budget cuts will be decided at a future meeting of the Board of Regents.

The elimination of staff at the SHC would cut spending, but would negatively impact the quality of care, Lori Winchell, director of the SHC said.

Targeted are a clerical position, one of the health education positions, which provides student counseling and referrals and the

athletic trainer. Loss of the clerical position means the SHC will lose three hours of operating time per day. Physician hours will be cut by 50 percent during the summer.

Winchell said that the budget cuts and staff restructuring came at a time when the SHC had been operating efficiently and was fine tuning problems like student waiting time. She said several of her employees fear for their jobs, and the stress has caused two of them to resign. With staff cuts, Winchell said, students will have to wait longer, and have fewer

people to care for them. She said she is worried that the personal touch will be lost.

"College health is a specialty area that deals with all aspects of student life," Winchell said. In losing staff, such as the health education counselor, the center loses programs that teach wellness and healthy life.

Victor Arellano, a junior who works in the front office at the SHC, said he is not worried about his job; he is more concerned about students that need health

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'Playboy' and Feminist Match up in Debate

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Las Vegas and *Playboy* are not too much for feminism — in fact, it might even be an equal match.

The UNLV Spring Lecture Series sponsored a debate Thursday between Patricia Ireland, President of National Organization of Women, and Jim Petersen, Senior Editor in Chief for *Playboy* magazine.

Entitled "Societies' View of Women & Stereotypes Created by Popular Media," the was attended by about 80 people, mostly students and local NOW members.

Petersen began with a brief description of how he started his career working for *Psychology Today*, advancing onward to work for *Playboy*.

"Unfortunately," Peterson declared, "during the 1970s, a change occurred in what became known as 'gender roles.' Feminism came to signify a kind of anti-male thing. Feminists began to portray women as victims of injustice.

"For the past 15 years, we have had every major social issue cast in terms of women as victims, men as perpetrator, predator, monster, beast. Virtually every

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Students, faculty and visitors to UNLV enjoyed the 25th anniversary Earth Day 1995.

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Joycelyn Elders

Elders to Speak on Campus

Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General under President Bill Clinton, will speak about her experiences as surgeon general today at 7 p.m. in the MSU Ballroom.

The event, sponsored by the CSUN Student Government Lecture Series, is open at no charge to the public.

Campus Media, Greenspun School at Odds

Communication students suffer from school's neglect

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The Greenspun School of Communication is not doing all it can to prepare its students for work in the media field, several sources have said.

The department's failure to require majors to take part in on-campus media outlets, as well as its policy of distancing itself from the student media, have come under criticism. The biggest losers appear to be the communication students at UNLV.

Staff members of two of the university's media sources, KUNV Community Radio (91.5 FM) and *The Rebel Yell* newspaper, said they have tried to initiate more involvement from the communication department over the past few months. They have requested that the department structure classes around work experience at the newspaper or radio station so that

students can earn class credits for their work.

So far, no changes have been made. *The Rebel Yell* and KUNV recently acquired new equipment from the department, but no amendments to the academic policy, which does not require communication majors to gain experience at the radio station or newspaper for credit, have been put in place.

Currently, the only way a student can earn credit for staff work is through limited internships or independent studies.

Of the three student media outlets, only UNLV-TV offers students classes for credit that provide work experience in the media field. This is upsetting to many people involved with KUNV and *The Rebel Yell*.

"We have tried since I came up here last April to institute some way of getting broadcast majors involved up here," KUNV Interim General Manager Don Fuller said. "I don't think (radio) broadcasting students should leave this campus without having worked up here."

James Embree, editor of *The Rebel Yell*, agrees that changes should be implemented which would require print journalism students to work at the paper before earning a degree.

"The paper should be supported through a practicum," Embree stated. "If someone wants to graduate from the Greenspun School with an emphasis in print journalism, it should be mandatory they write for the newspaper for at least one semester.

"This newspaper could be substantially more of a tool to the communication department than it is now," Embree went on to point out. "That's not to say they should take control of it. I don't want them to take control of it. But, by putting it into the curriculum, it could be more of a learning experience for the students."

Stephen Nielsen, director of the Greenspun School, said earlier this month he "is satisfied" with the current relationship between his department and the various student media outlets.

"I think we have a good relationship with the newspaper. I personally wouldn't want to see the newspaper become a part of the school," Nielsen said, adding that "we have very little contact with the radio station."

Nielsen is in his second year as interim director of the department and will leave his position on June 30. He indicated he would like his replacement to take more initiative toward bringing all parties together.

"Students ought to be more involved in both the newspaper and radio station. It's just a matter of not getting together on it. There isn't any blame on James Embree at the newspaper or Don Fuller at the radio station," Nielsen said. "We just haven't worked hard enough to change the relationship."

But for many communication students who have studied at UNLV, time has been wasted and the continuing problem of separation between the department and student media has gone unaddressed.

Embree said that he, like Fuller, has personally tried to see changes made within the department's academic policy but has yet to see any response.

"The department's response was that it wasn't possible at this time," Embree said. "They came up with all kinds of excuses, and some suggestions, like 'we could give independent study' but that's not curriculum and it never will be."

This lack of student preparation by the school is about to come to a head at *The Rebel Yell*. The editor, managing editor and most of the section editors will leave the newspaper at the end of the semester.

The new editor will be chosen in May by

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